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The following tables of the population in each state by state of origin are presented as a supplement to R. D. Gastil, Cultural Regions of the United States (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 1975). This study of cultural regions was in part an attempt to develop the thesis that those differences in culture among regions in the United States that developed very early in American history have remained a significant factor in continuing variations among Americans living in different parts of the country. To the effects of this internal migration must be added the changes that have been wrought by later immigrations that have set their stamp on areas of the country in different periods.

While the culture of a region is determined as much by the origin of its elites as by that of its population as a whole, basic statistics on internal mass migration are an essential part of the story. The fact that there are, for example, relatively fewer people in Washington State from the South than there are in California is one reason why the tone of life in Washington is different from that in California.

Migration history up to 1850 is summarized in Cultural Regions in Chapter I (Map 1), and in the regional descriptions of Chapter IV. The tables of this supplement carry the record forward to 1870, 1910, 1950, and 1970. These data points are far enough apart that they are not overly repetitious and yet close enough together that they do not miss important fluctuations in migration patterns.

In Part I, for each state the principal states of origin of native whites are recorded by percentage, along with percentages for the number of foreign born whites and the percentages of nonwhites at each period. This emphasis on whites accords with the assumption that they were the dominant cultural influence in most states. Part II presents data for nonwhite migration for those states where their migration has been of significance. In both parts the data are arranged by grouping the states into regions, as defined in Cultural Regions (Maps 4 and 5), and alphabetically within regions. An index to states arranged alphabetically is provided at the conclusion.

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The native born white figures for 1870, 1910, and 1950 are calculated from: S. Kuznets and D. S. Thomas, Population Redistribution and Economic Growth, American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia, 1957, I, pp. 249-352. (Supplemented in several cases by additional census data.) The 1970 data were calculated as a percentage from state of birth data (5% sample) for all persons reporting a state of birth as given in a U.S. Bureau of the Census, United States Census, 1970, Subject Reports, State of Birth, PC(2)-2A, pp. 6-9, 43-66. Supplementary information was based on The Statistical Abstract of the United States, 1973, pp. 28-29. Generally, states are listed if they contributed 1% or more to a state's population at any of the dates examined. Since figures are rounded to nearest percent, there is a considerable underestimation of the "all other" category for states with a large number of contributing states.

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PART I

State Population Origins 1870, 1910, 1950, 1970
(especially Native White)
Arranged by Region

New England Region

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CONNECTICUT

Native (White)	Residence - year			
State of Birth	1870	1910	1950	1970
Connecticut	83%	78%	73%	68%
New York	7	9	9	9
Massachusetts	4	5	5	5
Rhode Island	2	1	1	1
Vermont	1	1	1	1
New Jersey	1	1	1	2
Pennsylvania	1	1	3	3
Maine	-	1	1	2
New Hampshire	-	-	1	1
Ohio	-	-	-	1
Illinois	-	-	-	1
California	-	-	-	1
All Other	1	2	5	5
Native white	77%	69%	82%	86%
Negro	2	1	3	6
Other nonwhite	-	-	-	-
Foreign born (White)	21	30	15	8

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MAINE

Native White	Residence - year			
	1870	1910	1950	1970
State of Birth				
Maine	95%	92%	88%	83%
Massachusetts	2	3	5	5
New Hampshire	2	2	2	2
New York	-	1	1	2
Vermont	-	-	1	1
Connecticut	-	-	1	1
New Jersey	-	-	-	1
Pennsylvania	-	-	-	1
All other	1	3	2	4

Native white	92	85	92	95
Negro	-	-	-	-
Other nonwhite	-	-	-	-
Foreign born (White)	8	15	8	5

New England Region

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MASSACHUSETTS

Native White	Residence - year			
State of Birth	1870	1910	1950	1970
Massachusetts	82%	82%	85%	83%
Maine	5	4	2	2
New Hampshire	4	3	2	1
New York	2	4	3	3
Vermont	2	2	1	1
Connecticut	2	2	1	1
Rhode Island	1	1	1	1
Pennsylvania	-	1	1	1
New Jersey	-	-	1	1
All other	2	1	3	6

Native white	75	68	83	89
Negro	1	1	2	3
Other nonwhite	-	-	-	-
Foreign born (White)	24	31	15	9

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Native White	Residence - year			
State of Birth	1870	1910	1950	1970
New Hampshire	84%	75%	70%	62%
Massachusetts	6	9	13	17
Vermont	4	6	5	4
Maine	4	5	4	5
New York	1	2	2	3
Connecticut	-	-	1	1
Rhode Island	-	-	1	1
Pennsylvania	-	-	1	1
Ohio	-	-	-	1
New Jersey	-	-	-	1
California	-	-	-	1
All other	1	3	3	3

Native White	91	77	89	94
Negro	-	-	-	-
Other nonwhite	-	-	-	-
Foreign born (White)	9	22	11	6

New England Region

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RHODE ISLAND

Native White	Residence - year			
State of Birth	1870	1910	1950	1970
Rhode Island	78%	74%	76%	75%
Massachusetts	12	11	10	9
Connecticut	3	4	2	2
New York	2	3	3	3
Maine	1	1	1	1
New Hampshire	1	1	1	1
Vermont	1	1	1	-
Pennsylvania	-	1	1	1
New Jersey	-	1	1	1
All other	2	3	4	7
Native White	72	65	84	89
Negro	2	2	2	3
Other nonwhite	-	-	-	-
Foreign born (White)	25	33	14	8

New England Region

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VERMONT

Native White	Residence - year			
State of Birth	1870	1910	1950	1970
Vermont	86%	83%	79%	72%
New Hampshire	5	3	4	4
New York	4	7	6	7
Massachusetts	3	3	5	5
Connecticut	1	-	1	2
Maine	-	1	1	1
Pennsylvania	-	-	1	1
New Jersey	-	-	1	1
All other	1	3	2	10

Native White	85	86	92	95
Negro	-	-	-	-
Other nonwhite	-	-	-	-
Foreign Born (White)	14	14	8	5

New York Metropolitan Region

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NEW YORK

Native White	Residence - year			
	1870	1910	1950	1970
State of Birth				
New York	92%	90%	87%	87%
Massachusetts	1	1	1	1
Connecticut	1	1	1	1
Vermont	1	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	1	3	4	3
New Jersey	1	2	2	2
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-
Ohio	-	1	1	1
Illinois	-	-	1	-
All other	3	2	3	4
Native White	73	68	77	76
Negro	1	1	6	12
Other Nonwhite	-	-	-	1
Foreign born (White)	26	30	17	11

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NEW JERSEY

Native White	Residence - year			
State of Birth	1870	1910	1950	1970
New Jersey	81%	73%	70%	67%
New York	11	14	12	13
Pennsylvania	6	7	10	10
Massachusetts	1	1	1	1
Connecticut	1	1	1	1
Ohio	-	-	1	1
Maryland	-	1	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-
Illinois	-	-	1	1
All other	-	3	4	6
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Native White	76	70	80	80
Negro	3	4	7	11
Other nonwhite	-	-	-	-
Foreign born				
White	21	26	13	9